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1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:
a computer storage medium and a computer program code mechanism embedded in the computer storage medium for controlling a combination of a protocol and a format used to communicate event data between a remote receiver and at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit, the computer program code mechanism comprising:
a first computer code device configured to select a protocol to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit;
a second computer code device configured to select a first format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit; and
a third computer code device configured to determine, subsequent to the selection of the protocol and the first format, if the protocol selected by the first computer code device is compatible with the first format selected by the second computer code device.
2. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1,
further comprising a fourth computer code device configured to select a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit if the first format is not compatible with the protocol selected, wherein the third computer code device is further configured to determine if the protocol selected by the first computer code device is compatible with the second format selected by the fourth computer code device.

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3. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a fourth computer code device configured to select a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit after selecting the first format; and

a fifth computer code device configured to transmit data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit only using the second format if the protocol supports only one format at a time.

4. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a fourth computer code device configured to select a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit after selecting the first format; and

a fifth computer code device configured to transmit data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit sequentially using the first and second formats if the protocol supports plural formats at a time.

5. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a fourth computer code device configured to select a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit after selecting the first format; and

a fifth computer code device configured to transmit data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit in parallel using the first and second formats if the protocol supports plural formats at a time.

6. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the first computer code device comprises a fourth computer code device configured to store a first indicator, corresponding to the protocol selected, in a map entry of a map; and

the second computer code device comprises a fifth computer code device configured to store a second indicator, corresponding to the first format, in the map entry.

7. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 6,

wherein the third computer code device comprises a sixth computer code device configured to compare the first and second indicators stored in the map against values in a data structure corresponding to at least one compatible format for a specified protocol.

8. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 6,

wherein the third computer code device comprises a sixth computer code device configured to compare the first and second indicators stored in the map against values in a data structure corresponding to at least one compatible protocol for a specified format.

9. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 6,

wherein the third computer code device comprises a sixth computer code device configured to iterate over values in a data structure corresponding to at least one compatible protocol for a specified format.

10. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 6,
wherein the third computer code device comprises a sixth computer code device
configured to iterate over values in a data structure corresponding to at least one compatible
format for a specified protocol.

11. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1,
wherein at least one of the first through third computer code devices comprise a
library of code shared between first and second applications.

12. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1,
wherein at least one of the first through third computer code devices comprise a
dynamically linked library of code shared between first and second applications.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for controlling a
combination of a protocol and a format used to communicate event data between a remote
receiver and at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit,
comprising:

selecting a protocol to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least
one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit;

selecting a first format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at
least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit; and

determining if the protocol selected is compatible with the first format selected,
wherein the determining step is performed after the steps of selecting the protocol and
selecting the first format.

14. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising: selecting a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit if the first format is not compatible with the protocol selected; and

determining if the protocol selected is compatible with the second format selected.

15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

selecting a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit after selecting the first format; and

transmitting data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit only using the second format if the protocol supports only one format at a time.

16. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

selecting a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit after selecting the first format; and

transmitting data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit sequentially using the first and second formats if the protocol supports plural formats at a time.

17. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

selecting a second format to transfer event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit after selecting the first format; and

transmitting data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application and an application unit in parallel using the first and second formats if the protocol supports plural formats at a time.


18. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:
storing a first indicator, corresponding to the protocol selected, in a map entry of a map; and
storing a second indicator, corresponding to the first format, in the map entry.

19. (New) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the event data is generated by an internal operation of the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit.

20. (New) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:
transferring the event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit using e-mail.

21. (New) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the event data is generated by an internal operation of the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit.

22. (New) The computer program product as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

 a fourth computer code device configured to transfer the event data between the remote receiver and the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit using e-mail.
